



BENIN

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IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CROSS OF BENIN



24

National Society
branches



103

National Society
local units



12,600

National Society
volunteers



85

National Society
staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and
environment



96,979

Disasters
and crises



6,768

Health and
wellbeing



320,606

Migration and
displacement



6,618

Values, power
and inclusion



739

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement	6.7M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	4.8M
	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	508,000
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	1.3M
	Funding	Not reported

Red Cross of Benin

Overview

Funding	1.3M
Expenditure	558,000

Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	Not reported

Appeal number **MAABJ002**

*Information on data scope and limitations is available on the back page

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	# of people reached by public campaigns involving clean-up, recycling or urban greening	2,000
	National Society is implementing environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction or clean-ups.	Yes
	National Society is implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves).	Yes
	National Society is supported in developing and implementing strategies and plans that address rising climate and environmental risks.	Yes
	Number of people reached with activities to address environmental problems.	97,000
	Number of people reached with activities to address rising climate risks.	97,000
	Number of trees planted for climate change adaptation, mitigation and/or to reduce disaster risk.	12,000
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction.	7,000
	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	6,000
	Number of people reached with shelter support.	150
	Number of people who received food items through RCRC response.	780
Health and wellbeing	Number of people donating blood	641
	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services.	321,000
	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services.	155,000
	Number of people reached with immunization services.	2,000
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services.	660
	Number of people trained by National Societies in first aid.	457
Migration and displacement	National Society has undertaken any advocacy, dialogues, educational or communication initiatives to change the legal, policy, or operational environment to better assist and protect people on the move.	Yes
	National Society has undertaken any data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move.	Yes
	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection.	7,000

Values, power and inclusion	National Society reports that they have integrated and institutionalised Community Engagement and Accountability in their policies, operations, and procedures (with clear benchmarks).	Yes
	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming.	739

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	# relevant/strategic partnerships developed and natured	1
	National Society increases the number of government led platforms in which they are actively participating to achieve humanitarian or development goals.	90
	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of.	1
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	Yes
	National Society develops and/or implements a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies.	Yes
	National Society has One National Society Development country plan created.	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has domestic advocacy strategies developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
	National Society is participating in IFRC-led campaigns.	Yes
Accountability and agility	# of NSs publishing their annual reports and audited financial statements on the Federation-wide databank and reporting systems (FDRS)	1
	National Society has a functioning data management systems that inform decision making and support monitoring and reporting on the impact and evidence of the IFRC network's contributions.	Yes
	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors.	Yes
	National Society has a PSEA Action Plan to enforce prevention and support survivors (cumulative).	Yes
	National Society has implemented a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy.	Yes
	National Society has strengthened their integrity risk mechanisms.	Yes

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Bilateral Support						
	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
Belgian Red Cross			<div></div>	<div></div>			
Kuwait Red Crescent Society				<div></div>			
Swiss Red Cross				<div></div>			<div></div>

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Located in the Gulf of Guinea, the Republic of Benin in West Africa is bordered by Niger in the north, Burkina Faso in the northwest, Togo in the west, Nigeria in the east, and the Atlantic Ocean in the south. The country has several areas of action that require short and long-term support from humanitarian organizations. Benin's valuable wetlands and fisheries which have high potential for tourism in the country—are increasingly being affected by rapid urbanization along its coast with increased demand for land, water, and other natural resources. Military infrastructure and extraction of sand present significant threat to its coastal areas. Like most West African countries, the country suffers from the adverse effects of climate variability and change, the manifestations of which result in increased recurrence of extreme weather events such as devastating floods, long droughts, heat waves and torrential rains among others. Climatic emergencies lead to waves of cross-border movement which leads to social conflicts between herders and farmers in several municipal areas of the country.

While the government has adopted laws to combat the rising threat of climate change in the country, especially its marine ecosystems and human settlements, the situation remains bleak. Natural hazards often provoke waves of cross-border migration, which is compounded by security threats in northern Benin, leading to already vulnerable populations abandoning their crops and residences.

Benin faces health emergencies such as epidemics of viral haemorrhagic fever such as that of Lassa, malaria, cholera, meningitis, measles, yellow fever, and most recently, monkeypox. The health situation in Benin also highlights the unsatisfactory quality of healthcare, the poor development of human resources, poor planning for the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of infrastructure and equipment. More than 38,122 children under the age of five die each year in Benin, with 37.8 per cent of the deaths occurring due to malaria, diarrhoea, and acute respiratory infections. While the government has launched several public initiatives to improve health indicators, such as immunization programmes for children, promoting family planning, fighting malaria, improving water and sanitation facilities, and raising awareness of best hygiene practices, the vulnerability and social needs of Beninese are far from being met.

The World Bank estimates that several global and regional socioeconomic shocks could affect poverty reduction trends in the country. Benin faces volatility in the price of food, energy, and fertilizers due to factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic, impact of WAEMU sanctions against neighbouring Niger, the fallout from the Russian invasion of Ukraine, political instability in neighbouring Sahel countries, growing insecurity, and social tensions in the North. These will adversely impact poor and vulnerable households, thereby slowing poverty reduction and pushing more households into situations of fragility.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

By mid-2024, the Red Cross of Benin focused on projects to reduce the risks of climate change. Key activities included the distribution and use of improved cookstoves for members of mothers' clubs, the planting of multifunctional trees to combat erosion and the promotion of food security through the distribution of short-cycle seeds. Additionally, the Red Cross of Benin launched the 'Resilience Building through Multi-Stakeholder Engagement in Anticipatory Action for Climate-Induced Disasters' project, which included a baseline survey to tailor climate action interventions.

Disasters and crises

The Red Cross of Benin strengthened its response capabilities by conducting extensive training on first aid, operational security and mixed first aid. The National Society distributed emergency kits to households affected by floods and fires and conducted a self-evaluation of cash transfer programmes to prepare for future crises. The Red Cross of Benin also supported vulnerable households by distributing dignity kits and emergency supplies, enhancing its disaster management preparedness and response capabilities across several regions.

Health and wellbeing

The Red Cross of Benin delivered crucial health interventions during the first half of 2024, including health awareness campaigns that reached thousands. The National Society provided vaccinations for children and early detection

of acute malnutrition for children in vulnerable communities. The Red Cross of Benin also focused on improving community health by training volunteers in blood donation, essential family practices and water quality monitoring. Its efforts also extended to critical water, sanitation and hygiene ([WASH](#)) interventions and the distribution of food and financial aid for vulnerable households during religious celebrations.

Migration and displacement

By June 2024, the Red Cross of Benin focused on migration and displacement by training staff on migration issues and conducting needs assessments for displaced persons in northern Benin. The National Society distributed seeds to hundreds of vulnerable households to support their livelihoods and provided food and household items to displaced individuals, ensuring their dignity and well-being. These efforts were part of a broader initiative to improve support for displaced populations and enhance its response to migration challenges.

Values, power and inclusion

The Red Cross of Benin advanced its focus on values, power and inclusion by integrating community engagement and accountability ([CEA](#)) into its operations. The National Society worked with departmental executive secretaries to institutionalize CEA and engaged with parent clubs to increase community involvement. The Red Cross of Benin also managed a community feedback mechanism, gathering and analysing feedback to improve its services. The celebration of key statutory days provided an opportunity to raise awareness about the National Society's commitment to inclusion, empowerment and human dignity.

Enabling local actors

The Red Cross of Benin strengthened its governance by organizing statutory meetings and self-assessments under the Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment ([BOCA](#)) framework. The National Society worked to improve local capacity with the launch of its School and University project, focusing on youth engagement. Capacity-building initiatives for volunteers were carried out, and local resource mobilization activities were initiated to improve financial sustainability. Additionally, the Red Cross of Benin took important steps to improve governance and operational efficiency by finalizing its training programmes and developing a digital payroll management system.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

By mid-2024, the Red Cross of Benin focused primarily on the project 'Reducing the Risks of Climate Change.' This project, implemented in various communes including Coby, Ouèssè, Banikoara, Agbangnizoun, Zangnanado, Covè, Lokossa, Kpomassè, Adjohoun and Ifangni, delivered substantial results aimed at mitigating climate change effects and improving community resilience.

Key activities included supporting mothers' clubs with the use of improved cookstoves. The Red Cross of Benin trained 75 members from three mothers' clubs on how to use and manufacture these cookstoves. Additionally, the Red Cross of Benin sensitized 12 mothers' clubs on the benefits and use of the improved stoves, helping to reduce fuel consumption and the health impacts of traditional cooking methods.

Another major achievement was the successful reforestation initiative, where 12,000 multifunctional trees were planted. This included 3,000 moringa trees, 2,000 Gmelina trees, 1,000 mango trees, 3,000 teak trees and 3,000 additional plants. These efforts aim to combat soil erosion, promote reforestation and provide long-term

nutritional benefits to local communities.

The Red Cross of Benin also focused on enhancing food security using short-cycle food seeds. A total of 20 volunteers from the communes of Coby and Banikoara were trained on the use of these seeds with the support of the Territorial Agency for Agricultural Development (ATDA). Subsequently, trained volunteers conducted community sensitization, leading to the distribution of short-cycle food seeds—maize and tomatoes—to 100 vulnerable households.

Furthermore, the Red Cross of Benin contributed to climate change risk reduction through the launch of the 'Resilience Building through Multi-Stakeholder Engagement in Anticipatory Action for Climate-Induced Disaster (REBUMAA)' project. Funded by FCDO/IDRC, this project began with a baseline survey in the communities to tailor interventions to local needs and enhance resilience to climate-induced disasters.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided financial and technical support for the REBUMAA project and assisted with the baseline survey to ensure the project's alignment with grassroots needs.



Red Cross of Benin volunteers distribute kits to flood victims in BOPA. (Photo: Red Cross of Benin)



Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, visit the IFRC GO page [Benin](#).

Progress by the National Society against objectives

By mid-2024, the Red Cross of Benin made progress in its disaster and crisis response efforts, aligned with the objectives outlined in its 2024 plan. The key focus was on strengthening grassroots capacities and providing critical assistance to vulnerable communities across the country. Several initiatives were carried out during the first half of 2024, including the training of 21 staff members on basic first aid, as well as capacity-building sessions for 127 volunteers and community members. Additionally, 27 volunteers and staff received operational security training to enhance the implementation of actions in northern Benin.

Another highlight was the training of 89 volunteers and staff on mixed first aid (FABL), expanding the availability of [first aid](#) services in communities for rapid response. The Red Cross of Benin also supported households affected by floods by distributing essential household items to those in need. In line with its preparedness efforts, the Red Cross of Benin conducted a self-evaluation of cash transfer programmes to ensure the National Society's readiness for future crisis scenarios.

Furthermore, the Red Cross of Benin enhanced the skills of 18 volunteers through integrated sessions focused on operational communication, emergency response planning (ERP) and rapid needs assessments during emergencies. The National Society also distributed dignity kits to 30 vulnerable households in Alibori and Atacora with support from UNFPA and provided emergency assistance to 25 households affected by fires in BOPA. This included the distribution of kits containing essential items such as buckets, soap, blankets, mosquito nets, jerry cans, tarpaulins and kitchen supplies. Additionally, the Red Cross of Benin organized a feasibility and risk study mission to assess cash transfer modalities.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** backed the self-evaluation of cash transfer programmes of the Red Cross of Benin, assisting in the development of operational communication and emergency response planning and facilitating training opportunities.

The **Belgian Red Cross (Flanders)** supported the Red Cross of Benin in the training of staff and volunteers on basic first aid and capacity building. The IFRC and the Belgian Red Cross (Flanders) also provided technical guidance to the National Society on self-evaluation of cash transfer programmes.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (**ICRC**) supported the Red Cross of Benin to conduct operational security training for volunteers and staff. A feasibility and risk study mission to assess cash transfer modalities was also supported by the ICRC.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the first half of 2024, the Red Cross of Benin enhanced the health and well-being of grassroots communities through a variety of health-related interventions. These efforts included organizing awareness-raising sessions on health topics, reaching a total of 14,386 people. The Red Cross of Benin supported the provision of essential health services, including vaccinating 2,195 children and conducting early detection of acute malnutrition for 4,971 children. The National Society also focused on strengthening volunteer engagement, training 67 volunteers and 14 trainers in the recruitment of volunteer blood donors to improve blood donation efforts.

Additionally, the Red Cross of Benin began the process of standardizing training manuals on essential family practices. To inform its approach to addressing health issues, the Red Cross of Benin conducted a knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) survey on non-communicable diseases to better understand the needs of the population and identify effective intervention strategies. The National Society also trained 120 model mothers

and childminders on the early detection, community management and referral of acute malnutrition cases, along with 14 trainers on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) good practices and mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)).

In response to health challenges, the Red Cross of Benin organized community needs assessment missions in municipalities highly vulnerable to disasters, focusing on health and water, sanitation and hygiene ([WASH](#)) issues. The National Society implemented key WASH interventions, including the installation of 13 flawless slab latrines, 13 handwashing devices and the disinfection and treatment of 149 wells across 10 communes in Northern Benin. Furthermore, 99 volunteers were trained in water quality monitoring, contributing to efforts to improve access to safe drinking water.

The Red Cross of Benin continued its community health work by training 23 trainers, 70 volunteers and 70 members of mothers' clubs on essential family practices to improve grassroots health. The National Society also supported vulnerable households through the distribution of food kits and financial envelopes for Ramadan, as well as beef and sheep meat for the Tabaski holiday, benefiting a total of 1,005 households. The mobilization for blood donation led to the collection of 641 blood bags, and 147 sanitation campaigns were organized to further improve community health and hygiene.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC facilitated the standardization of training materials on essential family practices and contributed to the development of the KAP survey on non-communicable diseases. Additionally, the IFRC supported the mobilization of volunteers for blood donation and the organization of key WASH interventions in Northern Benin.

The **Swiss Red Cross** also supported the Red Cross of Benin to standardize training manuals on essential family practices.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Under the strategic priority of migration and displacement, the Red Cross of Benin carried out several important actions in the first half of 2024. These efforts aimed at improving the understanding and support for displaced populations. A key activity was the training of staff members on migration, enhancing their knowledge of the challenges and issues related to migration. This training was essential in ensuring that the staff had the capacity to respond effectively to the needs of displaced persons.

The Red Cross of Benin also organized assessment missions to northern Benin to identify the specific needs of displaced persons in the region. These assessments helped guide the National Society's responses, ensuring that the most pressing needs of the displaced were addressed. In terms of direct assistance, the Red Cross of Benin distributed seeds to 973 households in the communes of Banikoara, Malanville, Karimama and Kandi. This distribution aimed to support the displaced and vulnerable populations in rebuilding their livelihoods.

Furthermore, the Red Cross of Benin provided critical assistance to 130 displaced individuals from Atacora and Alibori, particularly in the communes of Coby and Banikoara. This support was marked by the distribution of food, kitchen and household items kits through the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) project funded by the USAID, helping to meet the immediate needs of displaced people and ensuring their dignity and well-being.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC, through its partnership with **the ICRC**, provided valuable support to the Red Cross of Benin in addressing the needs of displaced persons. The ICRC facilitated the assessment missions in northern Benin. Additionally, the IFRC and the ICRC collaborated to support the distribution of essential items such as seeds and food kits to displaced populations in the region.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2024, the Red Cross of Benin focused on advancing its efforts related to values, power and inclusion, with particular attention to community engagement and accountability ([CEA](#)). Additionally, a session was held with departmental executive secretaries to better define their role in institutionalizing CEA within the Red Cross of Benin's interventions.

The Red Cross of Benin also enhanced the involvement of parent clubs in various initiatives, encouraging their active participation at different levels. This was part of a broader effort to empower local communities and strengthen their capacity to engage with the National Society's activities. Moreover, the Red Cross of Benin celebrated key statutory days, including International Women's Day and World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, during which it highlighted the National Society's flagship activities. These events provided an opportunity to raise awareness about the Red Cross' work and its commitment to values of inclusion and empowerment.

In terms of accountability, the Red Cross of Benin effectively managed its community feedback collection mechanism. During the first half of 2024, the National Society gathered and analysed 360 pieces of feedback, including complaints, suggestions, appreciations, questions and requests. These feedback reports were published and utilized to improve the effectiveness of Red Cross of Benin's interventions, ensuring that the voices of the community were heard and acted upon.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC, through its regional CEA delegate, provided significant support to the Red Cross of Benin in finalizing the CEA policy document and ensured that CEA was integrated into the Red Cross of Benin's operations. The IFRC also facilitated training and discussions with the leadership, contributing to the institutionalization of CEA practices within the National Society's framework.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

IFRC membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, agree on common priorities and jointly develop common strategies. This includes addressing issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian acceptance and access, mobilizing funding and other resources, clarifying consistent public messaging, and monitoring progress. It also entails ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need incorporate clarity of humanitarian action while linking with development assistance and contribute to reinforcing National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The Red Cross of Benin takes part in the IFRC-facilitated sub-regional network of National Societies called the West Coast Group, which is currently chaired by the President of the Nigerian Red Cross Society. The Red Cross of Benin regularly participates in Movement-wide discussions on critical topics, such as cash transfer programmes, planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER), data protection and overall coordination within the Movement.

The Red Cross of Benin is also part of the four [IFRC Pan-African initiatives](#) focusing on initiatives that are reflected under the relevant sections of this plan.

The National Society is supported by several participating National Societies to achieve the objectives in its strategic development plan:

The **Belgian Red Cross (Flanders)** supports the Red Cross of Benin with the implementation of the community resilience project to respond to health risks, particularly for women and children. It also supports National Society development.

The **French Red Cross** supports the National Society to deliver migration and displacement programmes, and with National Society development. The Red Cross of Benin also hosted a delegation from the French Red Cross to explore potential partnerships.

The **German Red Cross** supports the Red Cross of Benin on climate action and environmental protection.

The **Italian Red Cross** supports the Red Cross of Benin to improve community resilience and works on National Society development.

The **Kuwait Red Crescent** supports the National Society on environmental protection.

The **Spanish Red Cross** supports the National Society with delivering programmes on environmental protection, disaster risk management, community resilience and migration and displacement.

The **Swiss Red Cross** has started a new partnership with the National Society and will focus on improving community health, leading to a process to develop a 2025-2028 programme.

The **Turkish Red Crescent** supports the Red Cross of Benin to develop income-generating activities for the benefit of young people and women.

Movement coordination

The Red Cross of Benin ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and participating National Societies, for the alignment of support and action between Movement partners. In times of emergencies, closer coordination is organized. This is carried out in line with the Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation ([SMCC](#)) principles and the newly adopted [Seville Agreement 2.0](#).

The **ICRC** supports the Red Cross of Benin from its office in Lomé, Togo, focusing on strengthening the capacities of the National Society to prepare and respond to situations of crises and on National Society development.

External coordination

The Red Cross of Benin, as an [auxiliary](#) to the public authorities, maintains active coordination with a variety of stakeholders in disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and humanitarian response. The Red Cross of Benin is a key member of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation (DRR-CCA), which convenes during emergencies to facilitate collaboration between national and international organizations. The platform is led by the Ministry of Interior and Public Security through the Civil Protection Agency and includes various UN agencies, national entities and structured associations. In addition, the Red Cross of Benin is fully integrated into the national contingency plan for floods, epidemics, wildfires and socio-political crises, and actively participates in working group meetings that involve government counterparts.

The Red Cross of Benin collaborates with numerous international and local partners to implement programmes that address pressing community needs. It works closely with organizations such as UNFPA, UNICEF and GIZ to execute the maternal and child food security project, and partners with the World Food Programme (WFP) for food distribution efforts. The Red Cross of Benin is a crucial partner for global and regional organizations, including the CDC, World Bank, USAID, ECOWAS, DG ECHO, JICA and Nestlé, contributing significantly to health and disaster management initiatives.

In addition to these collaborations, the Red Cross of Benin has actively engaged in joint actions with local partners, including field coordination and supervision meetings with UNICEF, kit distribution with UNFPA and other operations with organizations such as MSF. The Red Cross of Benin also co-facilitates the Nutrition Security sectoral exchange group and maintains a strong presence in municipal, departmental and national exchange platforms, ensuring that its efforts are aligned with broader humanitarian goals across the country.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2024, the Red Cross of Benin successfully organized its statutory meetings at all levels, ensuring the continued effectiveness of its governance structure. The National Society also initiated the self-evaluation process for its decentralized structures under the Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment ([BOCA](#)) framework, starting with two departmental committees. This self-assessment process is crucial for improving the overall performance and alignment of the National Society's decentralized operations. Additionally, the Red Cross of Benin held two meetings of its National Bureau and its first Board of Directors session, reinforcing its commitment to governance and transparency. The Red Cross of Benin also organized Departmental and Communal General Assemblies at all levels to enhance communication and engagement with local communities.

In parallel, the Red Cross of Benin launched a capacity-building initiative for local governance members, focusing on Movement Induction Coordination and good governance. This initiative aims to strengthen leadership and operational efficiency within the organization, contributing significantly to the vitality of the Red Cross of Benin's governance bodies at all levels. To further enhance its grassroots presence, the Red Cross of Benin began implementing a pilot phase of its School and University project across several municipalities. The project aims to improve the National Society's visibility and community engagement, primarily through training programmes for young people.

The Red Cross of Benin focused on strengthening the capacities of its volunteers at various levels. This included the installation of district sections, which will enable the National Society to expand its volunteer network and enhance its local presence. As part of its efforts to achieve financial sustainability, the Red Cross of Benin also initiated local resource mobilization activities. These efforts included applying for the 2024 National Society Investment Alliance ([NSIA](#)) Bridge funding for the second phase of the construction of accommodation for rental purposes, although the decision is still pending.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided essential support to the Red Cross of Benin through the IFRC Capacity Building Fund ([CBF](#)), which facilitated the BOCA self-assessment process and supported the installation of district sections to enhance volunteer capacity. The IFRC also supported in strengthening governance and operational coordination, working closely with the National Society to improve the effectiveness of its governance bodies. Furthermore, the IFRC backed the Red Cross of Benin for resource mobilization efforts, such as in the application for the IFRC-ICRC joint NSIA Bridge funding.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Red Cross of Benin demonstrated a strong commitment to enhancing its visibility and establishing a solid presence within communities. An example of this is the recognition given to volunteers who donated blood, highlighting their dedication to the Red Cross of Benin's initiatives.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2024, the Red Cross of Benin focused on strengthening its accountability and agility through several key actions. These included the organization of the 2024 annual assessment and planning workshop, as well as quarterly coordination meetings to enhance the coordination of various interventions. Additionally, supervision and post-distribution monitoring (PDM) missions were carried out to ensure effective implementation of activities.

The Red Cross of Benin improved its performance monitoring by establishing a digital database for tracking performance indicators. In terms of financial management, the National Society prepared for the external audit of

its accounts for the 2023 financial year and followed up on recommendations from previous external audits of the 2021 and 2022 financial years. The financial statements for the 2023 projects were released, and the external audit of project accounts with the Belgian Red Cross Flanders was conducted.

The Red Cross of Benin also validated its training programme for volunteers working at the grassroots level, through decentralized multidisciplinary training centres, ensuring that volunteers receive appropriate capacity-building opportunities. The staff management policy was finalized, and the National Society developed and implemented a digital payroll management system to streamline administrative processes.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Red Cross of Benin particularly through the provision of CBF, which facilitated the establishment of the digital performance indicator database and assisted in the audit and financial oversight processes.



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 15 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Missing data and breakdowns:** National Societies have diverse data collection systems and processes that may not align with the standardized indicators. Data may not be available for some indicators, for some National Societies. This may lead to inconsistencies across different reporting tools as well as potential under or over-estimation of the efforts led by all.
- **Reporting bias:** The data informing this Federation-wide overview is self-reported by each National Society (or its designated support entity) and which is the owner and gatekeeper, and responsible for accuracy and updating. IFRC tries to triangulate the data provided by the National Societies with previous data and other data in the public domain.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [IFRC Benin mid-year 2024 financial report](#)
- [IFRC network country plans](#)
- [Subscribe for updates](#)
- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\) data](#)
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)
- [Evaluations database](#)

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